

DRAFT; MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2016 ARE SUBJECT FOR APPROVAL AT THE DECEMBER 29, 2016 MEETING.

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2016 @ 5:30PM, CONFERENCE CALL
CALL IN 712-432-0490
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MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Charlene Strong, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner, Guadalupe Gamboa, Commissioner; Skylee Sahlstrom, Commissioner; Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Enforcement Manager; Isaac Williamson, AAG; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 5:34PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Henderson made motion to approve October 27, 2016 meeting minutes; Commissioner Sahlstrom seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz went over cases that revisions were made to; informed Commissioners of cases that were pulled:

Yoon
Martin
Perdomo
Blair

Remainder of cases:

Commissioner Sahlstrom made motion to approve case closures; Commissioner Gamboa seconds; motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Chair Strong had nothing to report.

Commissioner Henderson stated he has been working on the social media and letters regarding the Spokane Public Forum.

Commissioner Sahlstrom had nothing to report.

Commissioner Three Stars stated she attended the Use of Deadly Force meeting with Sharon.

Commissioner Gamboa attended the Policing Forum in Spokane; will be involved in the inquest; immigrants rights.

Commissioners discussed what authority the HRC has under the law regarding immigrants and the role of HRC and guidance from the AG's office.

AAG Douglas spoke about what public employees can and cannot say regarding threats, intimidation which are against the law; will have formal report and recommendation at the January meeting.

Director Ortiz and Commissioners discussed the January meeting; hold in Seattle on December 29th at 5:30PM; Commissioner's to make statement regarding issues and put on website.

AAG UPDATES, SCOTT DOUGLAS

AAG Douglas provided updates for the following cases:

Garcia v. AgriPack, discovery is on going

Morrison v. Haney, challenging rule about service animals; new trial date December 2, 2016.

AAG Douglas shared that the Attorney General, Bob Ferguson, argued first case in Supreme Court, Arlene Flowers case.

DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

Already discussed, will be held on December 29th, location TBD.

FOLLOW UP: SPOKANE PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioners discussed letter addressing concerns at the Spokane Public Forum; well written by Commissioner Henderson.

Director Ortiz and Commissioners discussed the reservation issue; compose letter to Governor Inslee have all Commissioners sign.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk